REMARKS

Claims 1-49 have been canceled. Claims 50-82 are added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 50-82 will be pending in the application.

Claim Objections:

The objections to the claims raised in the Office Action have been rendered moot by the cancellation of the objected to claims.

Claim Rejections:

The rejections of the claims stated in the Office Action have been rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected claims.

Added Claims:

In regard to added independent claim 50, the cited art does not teach or suggest removing an item container on an individual basis from one of a plurality of storage locations of a first carrier according to information stored in a memory device affixed to or contained within said first carrier or the item container being removed; at the intermediate destination, according to the information stored in said memory device, inserting the item container removed from said first carrier into one of a plurality of storage locations of a second carrier configured to store the item container; and shipping said second carrier to a final destination.

In regard to added independent claim 65, the cited art does not teach or suggest an apparatus comprising a processor configured to cause a data interface of the apparatus to read information from a memory device affixed to or contained within a first carrier or item container stored within the first carrier at an intermediate destination; wherein, from the information, said processor is configured to determine an item container to be

removed on an individual basis from a storage location of the first carrier and inserted on an individual basis into a storage location of a second carrier to be shipped to a different final destination than the first carrier.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5596-00500/RCK.

| Also enclosed herewith are the following items: |
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| 🔀 Return Receipt Postcard |
| Petition for Extension of Time |
| ☐ Notice of Change of Address |
| ☐ Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$ |
| for fees (). |
| Other: |

Respectfully submitted,

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